

Pen Pal Letter Mystery

Grade Level	Fourth
Minimum Time Required	40 Minutes
Materials/Resources	Paper, Attitude Survey handout
Subject Area(s)	Guidance – Language Arts

Project Description:

1. Discuss with the students information that they may include in a first letter to a pen pal. List the information on the board.
2. Have students write a letter to a fictional pen pal. They should include at least three positive things about themselves. (Ask them not to put their name in the letter.)
3. Read the letters aloud. Have the class guess who they think wrote the letter. (Allow them three guesses.)
4. Have the students individually complete the Attitude Survey.

Career Development Standard	Knowledge of the importance of self-concept.
Career Development Indicator	Demonstrate a positive attitude about self.
Delivery Level	Review
Academic Standards	
Language Arts	2.1.a Apply fundamental conventions of language in written work. 2.1.b Use descriptive vocabulary and proper spelling in written work.
Employability/SCANS Skills	Basic Skills Personal Qualities
Assessment/Rubric	Students will be evaluated on their letter.

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Looking At My Attitudes

I will try to rate myself fairly on each of the following traits of good citizenship. I will pay attention to those qualities in which I need to improve so that in future ratings I can honestly give myself a higher score.

Date:_____ Name:_____

TRAITS	Usually	Sometimes	All the Time
1. I am honest, especially in little things.			
2. I am courteous, loyal and respectful to teachers, classmates, and parents.			
3. I am attentive, quiet, industrious, and responsive in class.			
4. I try to show good sportsmanship and to accept defeat without complaining.			
5. My teachers and classmates can depend on me to do what is expected.			
6. I work and play cheerfully with others.			
7. I attend school regularly.			
8. I return to the classroom promptly after gym, lunch, playground, and art class.			
9. I take good care of books, desks, and other property in school or at home.			
10. I keep my promises.			